RELATIONSHIP OF THE MALS TO INTERDISCIPLINARY DOCTORAL DEGREES

The College of Arts and Sciences has a strong tradition of interdisciplinary studies at both the baccalaureate and doctoral levels.

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree continues the tradition of interdisciplinary work in the college at the intermediate level between baccalaureate and doctoral work. In a few cases, students completing this degree may find the transition to doctoral work as the appropriate next step. However, students should recognize that the degree is not designed to provide students in the program with specific subject skills usually associated with targeted career objectives in traditional research areas.

Students interested in coordinating their M.A. in Liberal Studies coursework with future doctoral work at UMKC are strongly encouraged to make this intent known at the outset of their work. Without initial planning conducted with a committee of doctoral faculty, a student’s master’s coursework may not be appropriate to later doctoral studies.